Minutes

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

1959

HELD WITH

LIBERTY HILL CHURCH

STANLEY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 20

OFFICERS

ELDER C. M. MILLS, Moderator

BROTHER ELLIS HONEYCUTT, Clerk

BROTHER PRESTON L. HELMS, Assistant Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1959

The One Hundred Twenty-Seventh Annual Session of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association met with Liberty Hill Church, Stanly County, North Carolina, Friday, September 18, 1959 and continued through Saturday and Sunday following.

Brethren, Sisters and friends met in the house about 10 o'clock A. M. and engaged in song service followed with prayer by Elder J. T. Lewis of the Little River Association of North Carolina with introductory sermon by Elder C. M. Mills using Jude 1:2.

Following the introductory discourse about one hour was taken for refreshments after which the Association met in the house and sing songs followed with prayer by Elder Elzie D. Spies, Conley, Georgia.

Liberty Hill Church with Ministers, Messengers and Brethren composing the Association proceeded to business as follows:

Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Liberty Hill Church, served as Moderator, and Brother Ellis Honeycutt, Clerk of Liberty Hill Church, served as Clerk and called Preston L. Helms as Assistant Clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Baptists who are in peace with their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters of representation from Sister Churches composing this Association which were handed in, read and their status noted.

Liberty Hill: Represented by Full Membership.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren Melvin Mills, Bill Curlee, J. C. Mills. and George Griffin.

Union Grove: Brethren Oscar Wooten, Randolph Little, Tom Honeycutt and Jeff Taylor.

Lawyers Springs: Brethren Joe Helms, Robert Horne, Tommy Horne and Tommy Marsh.

Mt. Creek: Brethren Joseph Edwards, Artis Medlin, Charles Vanhoy and Bruce Baucom.

High Point: Brethren Emory Nelson, G. E. Ragan, W. L. Withers and G. H. Maulding.

Meadow Creek: Brethren Verlon Corbett, A. F. Allman, R. L. Hathcock, and Fred Eudy.

Watson: Brethren Fulton O. Helms, J.B. Whitley, Henry N. Curlee and Brice Polk.

Pleasant Hill: Brethren Barney Manness, Elsie Auman, Robert Copple and Rankin Richardson.

High Hill: Brethren Earl Pressley, J. T. Edwards, Billie Benton and Howard Edwards.

Mills Chapel: Brethren Howard Little, Warren Griffin, Lindsay Hargett and Roy Hardy.

Bethel: Brethren W. J. McLamb, Carlos Benton, M. D. Anderson and J. R. Mintz.

Union: Brethren Floyd Hawks Jr., V. H. Solomon, T. B. Polk, and Lee Robinson.

Oak Grove: Brethren W. J. Warren, J. H. Gaddy, Jessie Tarleton and Lester Adams.

Corinth: Brethren Ed Peterson, Boyce Sprouse, Walter Peterson.

Herrings Grove: Brethren J. L. Lewis, J. R. Almond, D. M. Harkey and F. M. Harkey.

Park View: Brethren William Lawton, Claude Quesinberry, Coble Minter and Reid Venable.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. The moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on preaching: Elder V. V. Willard, Brethren Fred Lee Honeycutt, Elis Honeycutt, Graden Helms and Rankin Richardson.

Committee on Finance: Brethren Ellis Lambert, Oren Baucome, C. C. Willard, Earl Pressley and Melvin Mills.

5. Called on Presbyteries to report. On December 6, 1958 Brothers Gradon Helms and Orlin Stewart were ordained to the office of deacons at Lawyers Springs Church. The following formed the presbytery: Elders C. M. Mills and V. V. Willard, Deacons S. H. Edwards, Earl Pressley, Howard Edwards, C. C. Willard, Robert Horne, Max Stewart, Joe Helms, F. P. Eudy, J. H. Gaddy, C. W. Griffin, J. M. Taylor, Melvin Mills, Roy Hardy, Lindsay Hargett, Elsie Auman, Sam Arrington, Latta Baucom and Loyd Outen.

Union Church in response to a call on August 1, 1959 for ordained help to ordain Brother Floyd Hawks Jr. to the office of Deacon. The following responded: Elders H. C. McMillon, Brice Haigler, and E. H. Simpson; Deacons: W. R. Coley, Guy Johnson, G. B. Polk, M. F. Green, Sam Hartley, Joe Helms, Graden Helms, Olin Stewart, Roy Hardy, T. B. Curlee, Melvin Mills, Loyd Outen and V. H. Solomon.

6. Invited visitors from corresponding Associations to seats with us.

Silver Creek: Elder H. C. McMillon, Brethren C. D. McGee and wife, K. Crawford and wife, R. G. Chason and wife, Sam Hartley and Milton Green.

Little River of North Carolina: Elders J. T. Lewis, J. S. Collins, A. D. McGee and wife, Brethren J. D. Stancil, J. Milton Byrd and wife, L. B. Clayton, R. D. Woodard, J. T. McGee and wife, K. Crawford and wife, Freddie Giles, W. G. Pope and wife, Weldon Thomas and wife, Gene McGee, Billy McGee, Lonnie Johnson and Sisters Berline Honeycutt, Carolyn Page and B. V. McGee.

Original Towaliga: Elder Elzie D. Speir and wife and Brethren Roy Speir and wife and Langdon E. Hoffman.

Little River of Georgia: Elders W. S. Kelly, D. S. Moore, M. M. Morton, Brother J. C. Moore and wife, Sisters W. S. Kelly, Fannie Morton and Cleon Kelly.

South Arkansas: Tabled for the time being.

Friendship of Georgia: Brethren Hermon Williams and wife, Clifford E. Cook and wife, Howell Sorrells and wife, Sisters Jolene Bowers and Beulah Corbitt.

Tennessee and Nolachucky: Elder Harold Tipton and wife.

Powell's Valley: Brother Clarence Hensley and wife.

Mount Zion: Elders J. T. Musick, E. B. Watts and Brethren E. E. Musick, Luther Tucker, Holly Musick and wife and Leonard Wright and wife.

7. Invited visiting Brethren and Sisters from Sister Associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence to seats with us.

New River of Va: Elders O. A. Harris and wife, J. D. Hopkins and wife, Brethren O'Bain Hylton, G. Hebron O'Dell, Eugene T. Taylor, Miles S. Harris and Sisters G. Hebron O'Dell, Jean Carolyn O'Dell and Mary Taylor.

Pilgrims Rest of Fla: Elder J. R. Worrell

Oconee of Georgia: Sister Maggie M. Hollis.

Canoochee of Georgia: Brother O. A. Womack and wife.

Ketocton: Elder William G. Fletcher and Brother James Compton and wife.

Mississippi River: Elder Wiley Sammons and wife.

Second Creek of Tenn: Brother J. Earl Stuggs andn wife.

North View Church: Elder Coy Mabe

Flat Creek: Brethren J. C. Arey and David R. Arey.

Pine Church: Brother J. Ashburn Williams.

Sardis Church: Brother Bruce Ranew and wife.

Pine Ridge Church: Brethren Wilber Stone and Deacon Jonah Heath and wife.

New Hope Church: Brother J. C. Womax and wife and M. C. Campbell and wife.

8. Appointed Messengers to visit corresponding Associations as follows:

Silver Creek: Elders V. V. Willard, C. L. Ratcliff and E. H. Simpson.

Little River of N. C.: Elders D. B. Willard, C. L. Ratcliff, V. V. Willard and Brethren W. B. Simpson and Bill Curlee.

Original Towaligo: Elders C. M. Mills, Brice Haigler and Joe Helms.

Little River of Ga.: Elders V. V. Willard, E. H. Simpson, Brice Haigler, C. L. Ratcliff.

Friendship of Ga.: Elder V. V. Willard.

Tenn. and Nolachucky: Elders V. V. Willard, Brice Haigler, Brethren Dorius Burris, J. L. Lewis and Elis Honeycutt.

Powells Valley: Elders P. H. Young, C. M. Mills and Joe Helms.

Mt. Zion: Elders D. B. Willard, E. H. Simpson, Brice Haigler and W. B. Simpson.

On motion unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all churches and associations whom we now correspond with.

10. On motion Brother Joe Helms was appointed to write corresponding letter to be printed in the minutes of this session of the association.

11. Unanamously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder D. B. Willard of Park View Church.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met at 9:00 a. m.

After Song and Prayer by Elder J. T. Musick, 907 Maryland Avenue, Gadsden, Ala., continued with business as follows:

12. Called on Finance Committee to report.

Handed in by churches	$832.25
Contributed by friends	$82.00
Total Contributions	$914.25

13. On motion agreed to distribute minutes as usual.

14. Called for corresponding letter which was handed in, read and unanomously adopted.

15. Extended invitation to the churches of this association to call for fifth Sunday meetings.

November, 1959, Park View.
January, 1960, Lawyers Springs
May, 1960, Bethel
July, 1960, Union.

16. On motion it was agreed to hold the 1960 session of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association with Pleasant Grove Church, Union County, North Carolina beginning Friday, September 16 and continuing Saturday and Sunday following, and that the pastor of Pleasant Grove Church preach the introductory sermon.

17. On motion unanimously agreed that we have 1300 copies of this minute printed and distributed to churches and associations as usual, and that Preston L. Helms superintend the printing and distribution of same and that he be allowed $117.50 for printing, mailing and clerks service.

18. A motion carried unanimously to distribute all funds above that allowed for printing, mailing and clerks service to ministers present and such other expenses as the finance committee may deem proper.

19. By unanimous consent this association returns thanks to God for his mercy, and to the Brethren, Sisters and friends of Liberty Hill Church and vicinity for their kind hospitality and entertainment afforded us during this session of the Association.

20. Agreed to adjourn to time and place above mentioned.
Benediction by Elder C. L. Ratcliff, Route 3, Monroe.
Elder C. M. Mills, Moderator
Brother Ellis Honeycutt, Clerk
Preston L. Helms, Assistant Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from churches	$832.25
Received from friends	$82.00
Total	$914.25

EXPENDITURES

Printing, Mailing and Clerk's Service	$117.50
Distributed to Ministers	$796.75
Total	$914.25

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY A. M.

Elder C. M. Mills. Text: Jude 1:2

FRIDAY P. M.

Elder W. G. Fletcher. Failed to get Text.
Elder J. T. Lewis. Failed to get Text.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder W. S. Kelly. Text: Ecclesiastes 3:13-14
Elder V. V. Willard. Text: Go to the _____ thy sluggard

SATURDAY A. M.

Elder O. A. Harris. Text: Gen. 1:31.
Elder J. T. Musick. Text: Eph. 6:1.
Elder J. S. Collins. Text: Psalms 24:7.

SATURDAY P. M.

Elder E. B. Watts. Text: Gen. 1:3.
Elder E. D. Speir. Text: Phil. 1:6.
Elder H. C. McMillon. Text: Eph. 5:14.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Lawyers Springs

Elder J. D. Hopkins. Text: St. John 10:26.
Elder Harold Tipton. Text: Rom. 1:16.

Liberty Hill

Elder W. S. Kelly. Failed to get Text.
Elder M. M. Morton. Failed to get Text.

Union Grove

Elder D. S. Moore. Text: 1st Cor. 3:10.
Elder E. D. Speir. Text: 1st Cor. 3:10-11.

SUNDAY A. M.

Elder Wiley Sammons. Text: 1st John 1:6.
Elder M. M. Morton. Text: Rom. 11:25-26.
Elder Harold Tipton. Text: 1st Peter 1:1-6.

SUNDAY P. M.

Elder A. D. McGee. Text: Eph. 2:10.
Elder D. B. Willard. Failed to get Text.

HOME MINISTERS

Elder C. M. Mills, 3130 Central Avenue, Charlotte, N. C.
Elder V. V. Willard, Route 2, High Point, N. C.
Elder D. B. Willard, Route 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder C. L. Ratcliff, Route 3, Monroe, N. C.
Elder E. H. Simpson, Route 4, Concord, N. C.
Elder H. L. Poplin, Route 2, Albemarle, N. C.
Elder P. H. Young, Route 1, Linwood, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Brother Joe C. Helms, Peachland, N. C.
Brother Harlin Price, Route 2, Monroe.
Brother F. C. Willard, Marvel St., Winston-Salem, N. C .

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder J. T. Lewis, Coats,N.C.
Elder J. S. Collins, Route 1, Angier, N. C.
Elder A. D. McGee, Route 1, Benson, N. C.
Elder Elzie Speir, Conley, Ga.
Elder M. M. Morton, Route 2, Smyrna, Ga.
Elder W. S. Kelly, Route 2, Alpharetta, Ga.
Elder Doyle Moore, Route 2, Alpharetta, Ga.
Elder Coy Mabe, Danberry, N. C.
Elder O. A. Harris, Route 4, Stuart, Va.
Elder W. G. Fletcher, Strasburg, Va.
Elder J. D. Hopkins, 415 Edgewood Dr., Danville, Va.
Elder Harold Tipton, 3908 Valley View Road, Knoxville, Tenn.
Elder Wiley Sammons, Colliersville, Tenn.
Elder J. R. Worrell, Box 2044, Ft. Pierce, Fla.
Elder E. B. Watts, Route 1, Horton, Ala.
Elder J. T. Musick, 907 Maryland Ave., E. Gadsden, Ala.

IN MEMORIAM

Sacred to the memory of our Brethren and Sisters who have passed away since our last association and whose names and home church appear below.

Be it resolved that The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association mourns with these churches and bereaved familys of our great loss in the passing of our dear loved ones who were so near and dear to us. We bow in humble submission to His holy will.

Also be it resolved that we spread this Memorial upon the Minutes of the Association.

Union Grove: Brethren J. C. Medlin and John H. Price.
High Point: Brethren William Clinard and Luther Caughran.
Meadow Creek: Brother R. M. Hatley.
Pleasant Hill: Brother Alphus Auman.
High Hill: Sisters Isabelle Clontz and Daisy Honeycutt Pressley.
Bethel: Sister (Mrs.) Charlie Brown.
Union: Brethren E. L. Johnson and J. C. Lawrence.
Watson: Sister Martha (Mattie) Simpson.
Park View: Brother T. C. Craven.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

Beloved: Ministers and messengers composing the Original Bear Creek Association together with all her corresponding and visiting friends of like precious faith:

We deeply appreciate the presence of everyone of you and want you to feel at home in our midst. Your friendship is dear and your devotion to God is precious. And we desire to walk together with you and earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the Saints. The old prophet cried out years ago and said, "Can two walk together except they be agreed." We've seen a manifestation of this unity in this association.

Our heart has rejoiced through the past season's in the grand and glorious doctrine of the electing love of God. Knowing that we are the sinners and that Christ is the Saviour and that through Justice required His very blood; He paid the ransom price and has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts crying "Abba Father" and this soveringly and independently of all human means. And by His Spirit calls preachers to administer to the objects of His choice.

And we feel that we can now see the beauties of the great mysteries of God. And that He hath appointed His Son heir of all things. We are satisfied with the things the Son gave the church. We find the Apostle Paul to Timothy saying, "That all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness—that the man of God may be perfect throughly funished unto all good works.

So we can say, surely, if therefore the Son shall make us free, we shall be free indeed, for He shall loose the bonds of death and transport us on the Wing of His Love to that eternal home; where we shall rejoice in Soul, Body and Spirit forever.

May God be with you till we meet again.

In love for the cause,

JOE HELMS

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old ad New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article . We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose HIS Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Artilce 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordnances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1st: We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd: That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3rd: This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th: Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th: The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer, and preaching services, and no busiess shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

SATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Received by Exp. & Baptism	Received by Relation	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sundays of Meetings	Contributions
Pleasant Grove	Elder C. M. Mills	A. E. Broome, Rt. 2, Marshville, N. C.								55	2	60.00
Union Grove	Elder C. M. Mills	Oren Baucom, 4183 Seaforth St., Charlotte, N. C.	5					1	2	144	2	115.25
Lawyers Springs	Elder V. V. Willard	Tommy Horne, Peachland, N. C.	2							89	1	60.00
Mt. Creek	Elder C. M. Mills	A. C. Medlin, Rt. 2, Alemarle, N. C.	1		1					43	3	30.00
High Point	Elder V. V. Willard	H. M. Willard, 1615 Granite St., Winston-Salem, N. C.	16					2	2	134	4	105.00
Meadow Creek	Elder C. M. Mills	N. D. Hathcoth, Rt. 2, Stanfield, N. C.			2				1	63	1	75.00
Watson	Elder C. L. Ratcliff	Preston L. Helms, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C.	2	2					1	47	4	43.00
Pleasant Hill	Elder V. V. Willard	G. L. Auman, Rt. 1, Star, N. C.	3						1	49	3	55.00
High Hill	Elder V. V. Willard	Martin C. Mills, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.							2	66	1	50.00
Mills Chapel	Elder D. B. Willard	W. W. Griffin, 309 Caldwell St., Kannapolis, N. C.	4			3		4		46	2	47.00
Bethel	Elder D. B. Willard	M. D. Anderson, Shallotte, N. C.						1	1	66	4	35.00
Union	Elder E. H. Simpson	V. H. Soloman, Rt. 2, Gastonia, N. C.	1						2	38	3	40.00
Oak Grove	Elder H. L. Poplin	Mrs. Gertrude Griggs, Rt. 1, Chesterfield, S. C.								10	4	7.00
Corinth	Elder E. H. Simpson	Walter Peterson, Kings Mountain, N. C.	1			1				15	3	5.00
Herrings Grove	Elder C. M. Mills	J. L. Lewis								14	4	15.00
Park View	Elder D. B. Willard	C. L. Parnell, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.	5		4				1	39	3	40.00
Liberty Hill	Elder C. M. Mills	Ellis Honeycutt, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C.						1		97		50.00
		Donated By Friends										82.00
		TOTALS	40	2	7	4	1	9	13	1015		914.25